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9 August 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: 9 August 1962 Meeting with the Bureau of the Budget
on Early Retirement Legislation**

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1. Agency representatives, including [REDACTED] met with John A. Bross, Emmett D. Echols, and [REDACTED] Bureau of the Budget representatives to consider our early retirement legislation. Present from the Bureau of the Budget were: Robert Amory, Jr., Gerry E. Pettibone, William B. Cannon, Donald E. Smith, Irving J. Lewis, and David H. McAfee.

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2. The first part of the session revolved around why we were picking the particular vehicle of the Foreign Service Retirement System. Such questions were raised as: Why not amend the Civil Service Retirement Act?; why use language giving all authorities rather than language relating solely to retirement? There was raised the possible amalgamation of all Government retirement systems into one system with special provisions for overseas people. Eventually it appeared that we answered most of the questions. Mr. Amory helped considerably in this by stating that in our simple bill we were setting no precedent, using an established system, etc. There was some discussion that possibly our so-called savings should not be used in congressional presentations. On the point of possible unwanted changes it was pointed out that there have been eight pieces of legislation on the Hill involving the Agency since we were established by the National Security Act of 1947 and in no case was there any attempt either serious or half-hearted, to slap on unwanted riders. There was basically no discussion of the question of the costs of the program.

3. The principal points resulting from the discussion were:

a. Amory stated if we received BOB clearance it would be with the understanding that the internal regulations, particularly with respect to who was to be covered, would necessarily require BOB clearance. We agreed to this proposal with the understanding that this wording would not appear in the legislation itself.

b. If the Bureau of the Budget were to clear our legislation it would be on the basis of "no objection" rather than a statement that this was a part of the President's legislative program.

c. Although State and Civil Service Commission, which were the only ones asked to coordinate, have responded with a "no objection," the Bureau of the Budget wishes to consider further whether to coordinate with USA and AID. We will keep in touch on this point and if they do decide to coordinate we will contact these two agencies directly.

d. On the legislation they requested that we agree to the insertion of the words "regarding officer and employee allowances and benefits" in the second line of 4 (a) after the word "provisions." We indicated that probably this would be all right but that we would like to make sure with a little study. We will contact them on this.

e. Amory indicated that he saw no reason why we should not have a decision on this matter by early next week.

4. It is my belief that the majority individual views of the Bureau of the Budget people there would have been to talk this legislation to death or to prepare at least to fill it up with various amendments, all of which would take so much time we would have no opportunity to attempt introduction this session. However, Mr. Amory was most helpful in this way as he was in other ways.

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